

Second International Conference on “Emerging Sri Lanka: Sharing Japanese Governance and Developmental Experience”

Sunday, 9th June 2013

*Venue: Tokyo Institute of Technology, Ookayama Campus, Main Building,
Hall No: H101*

Main Organizer:



Association of Sri Lankan Academics in Japan

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*Sri Lanka-Japan Study Centre:
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Preamble

Sri Lanka celebrated the 60th anniversary of its diplomatic relationship with Japan in 2012. The relationship between the two countries is comprised of economic, political, and cultural ties between the governments and citizens. Sri Lanka is a priority aid recipient for Japan and it continues to receive assistance in various forms, such as grant aid, technical co-operation and loans. Japan's position as a major donor and peace loving nation is important not only because it has been the first non-European country to become an aid donor, but also because there are certain specialties in Japanese views on governance and development policies.

Japan is also highly regarded as a functional democracy with a decentralized system of governance within a unitary system. The Japanese local government, as an autonomous and empowered administrative unit, plays an important role in delivering public services and development to the citizens of the country. These governance and developmental policies elevated post-war Japanese economy to the second largest economy in the modern world—the first non-western and Asian country to achieve “Developed Status”. It also has the distinguished record for using foreign aid for successful post-war reconstruction and development, for repayment of the debts taken from the World Bank and other creditors within a short period of time and then, for itself becoming a major donor country.

In Sri Lanka, a quarter-century prolonged internal conflict beginning in 1983 derailed potential development of the country. Now, Sri Lanka has achieved peace and political stability which are prerequisites for sustainable economic and social development. To achieve the potential development and to further accelerate the developmental process, there is a strong need, particularly in a post-war conflict, to formulate policies for sustainable development, ethnic reconciliation, positive peace building and democratic governance at all levels—local, provincial and national.

This conference aims to bring together Japanese and Sri Lankan policy makers and academics to share Japanese experience, policies and lessons on governance, Japanese expertise, technology, balanced growth, and development.

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Begins	Ends	Programme
09:00	09:30	Registration
09:30	10:20	Welcome Address Prof. N. S. Cooray President, Association of Sri Lankan Academics in Japan (SLAc)
		Keynote Address Admiral Wasantha Karannagoda H. E. Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Japan
		Address by Chief Guest Prof. Shinichi Kitaoka President of International University of Japan Japan - Sri Lanka Strategic Relations
		Speech by Venue Sponsor Prof. Yoshinao Mishima President of Tokyo Institute of Technology
10:20	10:40	Keynote lecture 1: Prof. Athula Senarathna Vice-Chancellor of University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka Higher Education in Sri Lanka: Shift from West to East
10:40	11:00	Keynote lecture 2: Prof. Monte Cassim Special Aide to the Chancellor, The Ritsumeikan Trust, and Director Kyoto Museum for World Peace, Ritsumeikan University
11:00	11:20	Tea Break
		Session 1 Chair: Prof. Srikatha Herath
11:20	11:40	Keynote lecture 3: Prof. Piyadasa Rathnayake Saga University Strengths and Weaknesses of Human Resource Development in Japanese Higher Educational Institutions: A Survey of Foreign Students
11:40	12:40	<p>Prof. Shinji Asanuma, Hitotubashi University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decentralisation in Asia <p>Prof. Ananda Kumara, Director, COC Centre, Suzuka International University, Japan/Professor, GHRD, Tokyo Institute of Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On the Regional Vitalization through Industry-University-Government Relations - Lessons from the Ceylon Gourd Project in the Suzuka City <p>Prof. N. S. Cooray / K. U. Chandralal, International University of Japan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Empowering Local Governments to Better Serve Citizens of Sri Lanka: Sharing Japanese Experience <p>Mr. Lalith Lankathilaka, Senior Human Settlements Officer, UN-HABITAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Post-Conflict Housing Reconstruction and Peace Building in Sri Lanka

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12:40	12:50	<p>Dr. Nanda Gunawardana, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to Sri Lanka – Japan Study Center: University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
12:50	14:00	<p>Lunch Break</p>
		<p>Session 2 Chair: Prof. Ananda Kumara</p>
14:00	14:20	<p style="text-align: center;">Keynote lecture 4: Prof. Norio Tanaka Saitama University</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vegetation Bio-Shields for Tsunami Mitigation: Lessons Learnt from Two Tsunamis in Sri Lanka and Japan</p>
14:20	15:50	<p>Prof. Ken Kawamoto, Saitama University, Japan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Solid and liquid waste management practices and potential environmental pollution risk in Sri Lanka <p>Dr. Satoru Nishikawa, Director General of Audit, Japan Water Agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Japanese Experience of Preventive Approach to Disasters <p>Mr. Kazutoshi Fujihira, Director, Institute of Environmentology, Japan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to Design Sustainable Homes: Theory and Practice <p>Prof. Srikantha Herath, Academic Director and Senior Academic Programme Officer, United Nations University, Japan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Managing water in rapidly urbanizing areas: Lessons from Japan <p>Mr. Hiteto Namiki, Manager, International Affairs Division, Japan Water Agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Japan's Experience in Integrated Water Resources Management <p>Prof. Sirimal Abeyratne, University of Colombo/International University of Japan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional Growth Disparities in Sri Lanka: Sharing Japanese Experience
15:50	16:10	<p>Tea Break</p>
16:10	17:30	<p>Panel discussion:</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Monte Cassim</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p>Prof. Shinji Asanuma, Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo</p> <p>Prof. Srikantha Herath, United Nations University, Tokyo</p> <p>Mr. Lalith Lankatilleke, UN-HABITAT, Fukuoka</p> <p>Dr. A. Saj. U. Mendis, Deputy Chief of Mission, Sri Lanka Embassy, Tokyo</p>
17.30	17.40	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing Address: Dr. Duminda Perera</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>International Center for Water Hazard and Risk Management (ICHARM)</i> Secretary, Association of Sri Lankan Academics in Japan (SLAc)</p>

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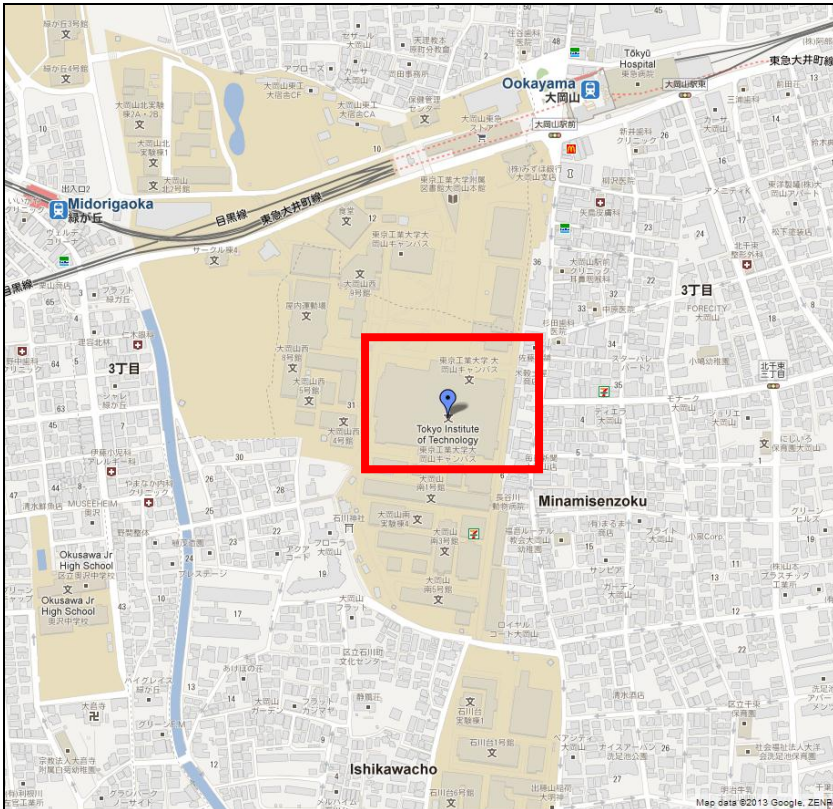
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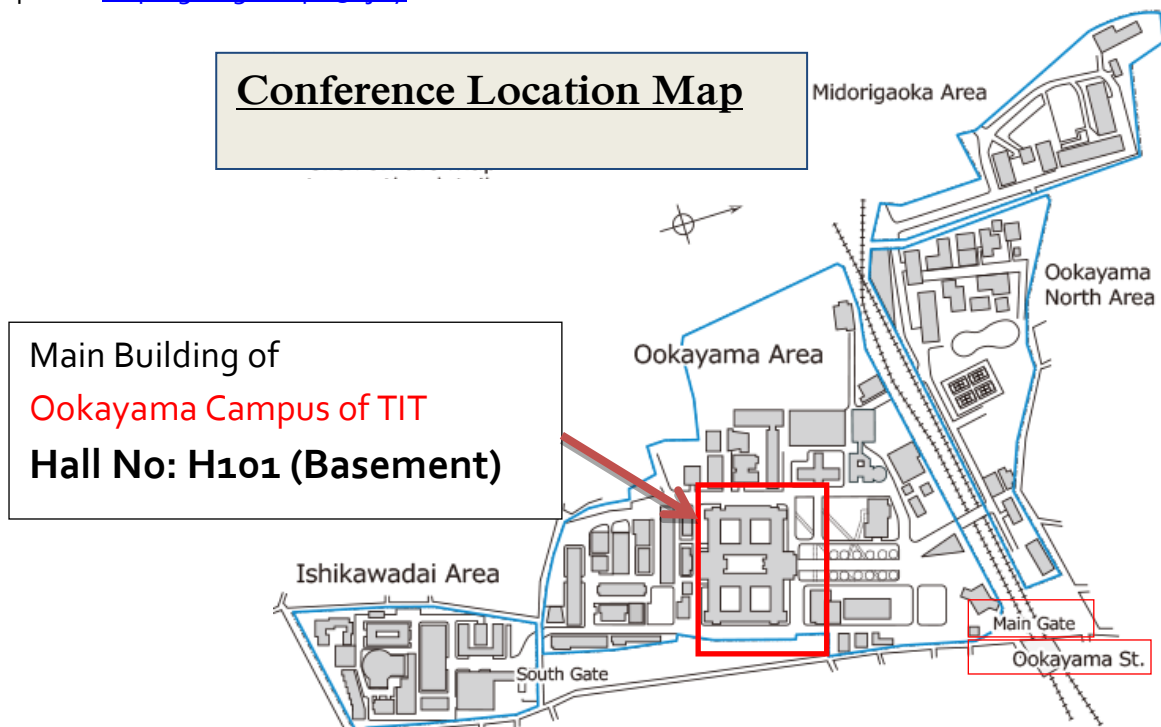
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